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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Pan et al.

Serial No.: 09/614,113

Filed: July 12, 2000

For: METHODS OF FORMING A GATE STACK THAT IS VOID OF SILICON CLUSTERS WITHIN A METALLIC SILICIDE FILM THEREOF (AS

AMENDED)

Confirmation No.: 1710

Examiner: D. Deo

Group Art Unit: 1765

Attorney Docket No.: 2269-2915.3US

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January 9, 2004 Date

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PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION OF AN INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER § 1.97 IN A CONTINUING APPLICATION (37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(2))

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Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for the withdrawal of this application from issue. The issue fee for this case was paid on October 9, 2003. A copy of the issue fee transmittal is enclosed.

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The reason for withdrawal of this application from issue is for consideration of an information disclosure statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 in a continuing application. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) from this application is filed on even date herewith, and a copy of the same is enclosed.

Please charge \$130.00 for the fee associated with this petition to Deposit Account 20-1469, referencing attorney docket no. 2269-2915.3US.

A duplicate of this petition is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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Copy of RCE

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